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APRIL SHIPMENTS OF FLORIDA FISHERY PRODUCTS

Truck shipments of 1,754,000 pounds of fresh and frozen fishery products from areas east of Cedar Keys, spread among 37 classifications, were reported during April, according to summaries released today by the Jacksonville Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

This compares with 1,795,000 pounds, produced or loaded in Florida, and shipped by truck, for a similar period last year, and the total of 2,554,000 pounds for March 1942.

Of the April 1942 total, 980,000 pounds originated on the West Coast of the State and consisted principally of fresh mullet (605,000 pounds). Of the total fresh mullet truck shipments (745,000 pounds), the bulk was destined for Georgia (651,000 pounds), South Carolina (33,000 pounds), and home consumption (43,000 pounds).

Fresh sea trout, with total shipments of 154,000 pounds, most of it destined for Georgia (97,000 pounds) and South Carolina (17,000 pounds) ranked second in output.

Fresh bluefish with East Coast shipments of 123,000 pounds (99,000 pounds destined for the New York market), ranked third.

Of the total truck shipments, 1,171,000 pounds went to Georgia (of which 1,032,000 were salt-water fish and 73,000, fresh-water); 163,000 pounds to New York (119,000 of which were salt-water fish and 42,000 were shellfish); 95,000 pounds went to South Carolina; and 165,000 were for home consumption.

Express shipments (of less than carload lots) included a total 6,121 packages (barrels, boxes, kegs, cartons, and tubs), spread among 13 classifications of fresh and frozen fish and shellfish. The bulk of this item—5,233 barrels and boxes of fresh fish—was destined for Florida, West and Central, Gulf, and eastern States of the country.

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